of pocket" allowances since December last;

(b) what are the guidelines or rules governing such expenditure; and

(c) the number of Ministers who have discretionary fund at their disposal; what is the total allocation and how much spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Request of Indian Muslim Youth Conference

1705. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of Indian Muslim Youth Conference has urged the Central Government to arrest the Imam of Jama Masjid, Delhi for his anti-national and communal activities as reported in the Hindustan Times of June 14, 1990; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the news report. The allegations referred to in the report have not been substantiated.

TV exchange programme with neighbouring countries

1706. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any decision has been taken by Government in the recent past on a more meaningful TV exchange programme with the neighbouring countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) There already exists a TV Exchange Programme christened 'SAARC' Audio-Visual Exchange Programme' under an agreement amongst the South Asian Association of Regional Countries (SAARC) consisting of Sri Lanka, Bangla Desh, Nepal, Bhutan, Pakistan, Maldives and India. This programme aims at fostering better understanding amongst the peoples of the member countries and involves telecast of programmes, received under the agreement, by member countries on the first of each month.

National integration programmes on the AIR/Doordarshan

1707. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken during the last nine months to promote national integration on the AIR/Doordarshan; and

(b) the time that was devoted for these programmes in the first six months of the current year and how does this compare with the figures of last year?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) A large number of programmes, in various formats, have been mounted by All India Radio and Doordarshan during the last nine months to promote national integration; and

(b) The programmes on national integration are mounted by all Stations of All India Radio and Doordarshan and the information regarding the time devoted to these programmes is not centrally maintained.

PCOs in Police Station in Delhi/New Delhi

1708. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many police stations/police posts in Delhi/New Delhi have not been provided with public call offices resulting in great inconvenience to general public; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to provide PCOs in all the police stations/posts in Delhi/New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) As a measure of improving accessibility of the public to telephone service, public telephones are being opened in public places including police stations. Public Telephones are available in some Police Stations in Delhi/New Delhi.

(b) Though there is no specific policy to provide PCOs in all Police Stations/Posts, individual proposals can be considered depending on their merit.

PCOs installed at Hospitals like Safdarjung and Ram Manohar Lohia

1709. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of PCOs installed at hospitals like Safdarjung, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia and Maternity and Gynae Hospital, R. K. Puram, remain out of order or are having broken instruments;

(b) whether Government would take some steps for daily routine checking of PCO instruments in the general hospitals in the capital; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) PCOs at hospitals are being checked daily as a matter of maintenance routine. The Department has also taken steps to check cases of vandalism.

Utilisation of installed capacity of the Telephone Exchange in Delhi, Bombay and Calcutta

1710. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present utilisation percentage of installed capacity of the telephone exchanges in Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras; and

(b) what steps are being taken to get the full installed capacity utilised to reduce the waiting lists for telephone connections in the metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Capacity utilisation of Exchanges is as under:

(i) Delhi	85.9%	As on 31-7-90
(it) Bombay	90.1%	
(iii) Calcutta	82.7%	As on 30-6-90
(iv) Madras	88.5%	